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MGS MEETING ** APRIL 19 MILITARY RECORDS

The fourth **Midland Genealogical Society** meeting of the year 2000 will be held Wednesday, **April 19**, in the **Lounge of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library** starting at **7:00 pm**.

The speaker will be **Steve Tracy** and the subject is "**Obtaining and Understanding Military Records**". Steve has been the Midland County Veterans Service Office for twenty years. He is a **veteran** of the Vietnam and Gulf wars. He deals with all aspects of veterans concerns, but mainly with eligibility problems regarding pensions, compensation, death benefits and insurance. He assists people in finding or correcting military records. He also assists with military funerals. In addition to the primary subject, he will present a general background on military terms and abbreviations that people might encounter in records. He will discuss how terminology differed back in the 18th and 19th centuries, and what we can also learn from the various veterans organizations..

The Nominating Committee will present the MGS Officer Candidates for year 2000-2001. The remaining normal business of the society will be conducted prior to the program.

Refreshments and conversation will follow.

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PAT & BILL WORDEN A MGS Legacy

From the very beginning of the **Midland Genealogical Society** we have been fortunate to have **Pat and Bill Worden** involved. **Pat** was a member of the original group that met at the Midland Center for the Arts on **June 17, 1971**, which gave birth to the **MGS**.

The following year, on February 17, 1972, she was elected as the first **MGS Treasurer** by the 12 members of the new society. Pat also served as Treasurer for the 1973-74 year and then became **MGS President** for two years - 1974-75 & 1975-76.



Bill & Pat Worden

In 1980-81 she was elected as one of the first **MGS Delegates** to the **Michigan Genealogical Council** and served for two years in that capacity. In 1983, **Pat** and **Wilma Diesen**, our MGC Delegates, were instrumental in having the **MGS** host the **MGC Annual Seminar** at the Great Hall in

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MGS Meeting -- March 15, 2000 -- Program Review

Deb Ballard presented a fascinating program titled "**Preserving Cloth Items: Quilts, Rugs, Stitching**". She discussed how she became interested in **quilt making**, collecting and preservation. As a young child she spent summers visiting her grandparents' farm where she learned the art of quilt making from her grandmother. Since that time she has expanded her interest to include collecting, preservation, and teaching quilt making skills to others.

Ms. Ballard has an extensive **collection** of more than 180 quilts, some dating from the mid-1800's. She discussed how every quilt has a history. She attempts to obtain and record the history of every quilt in her collection. Recording the history adds to the charm, beauty and value of each quilt. She described how she carefully hand sews a fabric label onto the back of each quilt which includes the name of the quilt maker, where it was made, where it was found/or purchased, special circumstances surrounding the making of the quilt, and any other pertinent historical information.

Ms. Ballard shared many tips regarding the care and preservation of fabrics and quilts. She stated most quilts were/are made of 100% cotton, but some older quilts were made of wool. All fabrics, particularly old fabrics, require **very careful handling**. Sometimes old quilts only need to be "aired" out, not cleaned. However, if cleaning is necessary she recommended washing in a bath tub with mild soap. and rinsing carefully to remove all soap residue. The quilts should be dried flat - either inside or outside, weather permitting. Care must be taken to prevent overexposure to sunlight.

Quilts should be stored flat, either rolled or folded. She loosely folds her quilts and wraps each in old cotton pillow cases. She recommends that quilts be rotated out of storage and occasionally used to preserve the fabrics, stitches, and to keep them free of creases from long term storage.

She also discussed numerous "**don'ts**" regarding the care and preservation of fabrics. Her list includes:
- **Never** store fabrics in **plastic** bags or boxes - the fabric will eventually disintegrate. She highly recommended the use of Archival storage boxes when preserving fabrics.
- **Never** keep quilts in a **cedar** chest - fragrances from the wood will infiltrate fabrics and weaken fibers
- **Never** place quilts directly on wood, either painted or varnished

Ms. Ballard showed several quilts from her collection during her discussion. A few are more than 100 years old. Some had **fascinating histories** which she shared. Quilt makers have used the art of quilt making to not only construct a useful product but to depict a little bit of history, whether it be family, cultural, or just for fun. It also is a wonderful opportunity for multiple generations to interact, share, and learn from each other.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Doug Applegath and **Bev Keicher** are serving as the **Elections Nominating Committee** charged with preparing a slate of candidates for **MGS officers** for the year **2000-2001**. As of this writing the following candidates have been nominated and agreed to serve for the following offices:

- Secretary** - **Gloria Kundiger**
- Treasurer** - **Jeri Shangle**
- Program Committee** - **Bob Mass**
- Co-Chair** - **Mary Lou Pease**
- Co-Chair** - **Shirley Renwick**
- Historian** - **Joanne Rupprecht**
- Membership Chair** - **Bill Kocher**
- MGC Delegates** - **Bev Keicher**
- **Kathy Bohl**

The committee continues to seek a candidate for the office of **President**. If you are interested in serving as an officer or committee chair during the next year please contact either **Doug Applegath** at **517-631-6074** or **Bev Keicher** at **517-631-9455**.

Candidates will be presented at the April 19 MGS meeting. **Election of officers** will be held at the **Annual MGS Meeting** on **May 17**.

From the President:

It is with deep regret that I announce that I will not be able to serve as **President** for the **Midland Genealogy Society** next year. I have taken a new position at **Blessed Sacrament Church** here in Midland as Adult Formation Director and it will require several Wednesday night meetings a month. I have so much enjoyed getting to know all of the members of the **Society** and it has been a privilege to work with the **Board** members who are such dedicated and energized genealogists. We are very lucky to have these people on our **Board**.

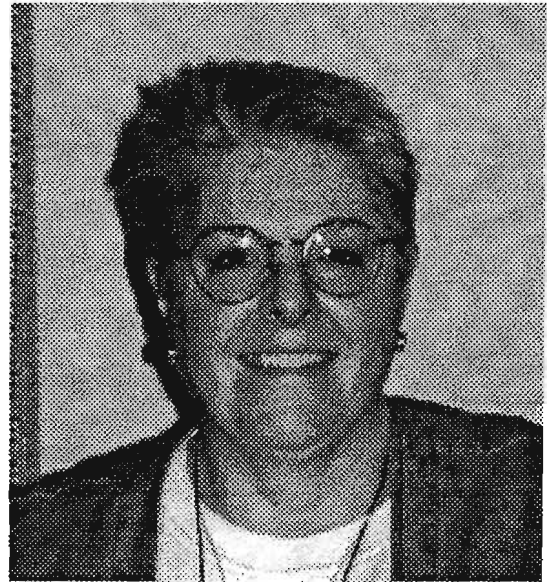
As I've mentioned before, we can't simply let these dedicated men and women carry the full load of the **Society** on their backs. They need our help. We still are in need of candidates for **President** of the Society. You'll find a job description on page 9 of this newsletter. The task of being **President** of the **Society** is not as nearly time-consuming as that of **Program Chairperson**. Would one of you be willing to serve in this capacity?

As spring creeps into Michigan, we look to program planning for next year. **Bob Mass**, along with **Mary Lou Pease** and **Shirley Renwick** have volunteered to serve as **Program Co-Chairs** during the **MGS** year 2000-2001. We assume they will be elected at our **ANNUAL MGS MEETING** on May 17.

If you have **program suggestions**, why not send Bob an e-mail or give him a call. Bob's e-mail address is: **massro@aol.com** and his phone number is: **835-8519**.

It has been a pleasure and a joy to be a part of the **Board** these past three years, first as **Program Chairperson** and then as **President**. I will miss working with the **Board** and with **you!**

Joan



MGS President Joan Brausch

Books Added to Shelves of Midland Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

During 2000

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<i>Maine Families in 1790 - Vol 3, 4 & 5</i> Gray, R & Anderson, JC	929.3741	<i>Land Owners Maps of Historical Farmington Township - Vol 1 1822-30</i> Shaldenbrand, PJ	929.377438
<i>Minnesota Genealogical Reference Guide</i> Warren	929.1072	<i>The Twalts</i> Demford, JM	929.2
<i>Guide to Family History Sources in New Jersey State Archives</i>	929.3749	<i>Asa Baker & Molly Marr</i> Hilton, FS	929.2
<i>A Genealogist Guide to the KY & OH Papers - Shane Manuscripts</i>	929.3769	<i>French & French Canadian Family Research</i>	929.344
<i>A Guide to Virginia State Records in the Archives - VA State Library</i>	929.3755	<i>Genealogy of Blanding Family</i>	929.2
<i>Kielsts Who Came to Carrick</i> Robishaw, E	929.2	<i>The Lost Pensions</i> Scott, CR	973.3
		<i>The Cumberland Road</i> Day, RB	976.85

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Pat & Bill Worden -- A MGS Legacy

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Midland. Ruth Ann Casadonte served as Chair.

In April, 1980, **Pat**, along with Jan Erratt, started the **MGS's** newsletter, the "**Pioneer Record**". She became the first **Editor** of the "**Pioneer Record**" in 1980-81. For the next seven years she served as **Editor, Co-Editor** or **Advisor** for the **PR**. In May, 1980, **Pat** also began publishing a family newsletter, called "**Wordens Past**" which she has enjoyed so much that she continues to produce to this day.

In the **MGS** year 1986-87 **Pat** served as **Corresponding Secretary**. In 1988 **Pat** organized the first **MGS** group trip to the **Family History Library** in **Salt Lake City, Utah**. This week-long trip has been repeated 8 times since then.

Never relaxing, **Pat** was the original **Chair** of the **First Families of Midland County** project starting in 1991. She continued as one of the prime movers during the 4 year project which ended December 31, 1994. This project not only received much recognition for the **MGS** but also became very profitable.

Pat's husband, **Bill**, called himself "genealogist by association" for many years during this period and in the late 1980s became actively involved himself.

Bill was one of the first to recognize and promote the use of computers in genealogical research and recording. He was a very strong advocate of one of the first and best genealogical software programs available at the time, "Family Roots" by Quinsept. Computers and their use in genealogical research are still a part of **Bill's** expertise

In 1990-91 **Bill Worden** was elected **President** of the **MGS**. He served in this capacity for two years. In 1993-94 and 1994-95 both **Pat** and **Bill** served as **Membership Co-Chairs**.

Bill next offered his services as **Treasurer** in 1996-97 and continued in this capacity for four years until his health deteriorated causing him to resign from that position. We should all keep **Bill** and **Pat** in our prayers in their long and difficult fight with cancer.

During all this activity with the **MGS**, **Bill** and **Pat** have themselves researched and recorded much of their own family histories. They have learned a great deal and often shared their knowledge with many **MGS** members and we are sure that they received much in return from their **MGS** association.

The members of the **Midland Genealogical Society** owe much to **Pat and Bill Worden** for their continued service throughout the years. There have been few **MGS** activities that the **Wordens** have not been part of or offices that they have not held. They have created a **legacy** which can never be forgotten.

NARA - NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

by Joan Brausch

What is **NARA** and why do we collect funds for it?

NARA is the **National Archives and Records Administration**. Members of the **MGS** and other genealogy societies across the United States collect funds for use by the **volunteers** at **NARA** to expedite the transfer of written public records to microfilm, photographs or computer files that can be accessed by the Internet so that there is a permanent copy of every public record in the Archives. We collect funds at least twice a year for **NARA**.

From the **NARA** Website:

"The **National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)** is an independent federal agency that preserves our nation's history and defines us as a people by overseeing the management of all federal records. Enshrined for posterity in the original building in Washington, DC, are the cornerstone documents of our government: the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights. But the **National Archives and Records Administration** is more than famous documents. **NARA** is a public trust upon which our democracy depends. **NARA** enables people to inspect for themselves the record of what government has done. **NARA** enables officials and agencies to review their actions and helps citizens hold them accountable for those actions. And **NARA** ensures continuing access to essential evidence that documents the rights of American citizens, the actions of federal officials, and the national experience."

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Faye & Earl Ebach

This is the fourth issue of the "*Pioneer Record* " that we have produced for the **MGS** during the 1999-2000 year. We have extensively changed the contents of the *PR* and the membership has received these changes very positively. Hopefully the pictures have added another dimension. We have received much assistance from the membership through the writing of articles and the providing of Society information. In fact, more often we have had more content than we can include. We thank the membership for their wonderful cooperation.

We undertook this job with much hesitancy, since we have only been members for a relatively short period and have not been involved in **MGS** activities. We can say that, although this has been a lot of work, we have enjoyed it very much. We have met many members of the **MGS** and hopefully made many new friends. We had almost no knowledge of the workings of the **MGS**, but now feel quite informed. We have tried to pass on to the membership a better understanding of the **MGS** through the *PR* articles. In view of all the **positives**, we are willing to continue publishing the "*Pioneer Record* " for the 2000-2001 year.



Faye & Earl Ebach

This brings up the subject of **MGS officers for year 2000-2001**, especially the **President**. A **Nominating Committee** has been working since January and several members have come forward to serve. However, no one appears willing to serve as **President - WHY?** Being active in the **MGS** benefits the individual as well as the **Society**. The job of **President** is not as difficult as **Program Chair**, or for that matter, being **Editor** of the *PR*. Who will step forward and volunteer ? The **Nominating Committee** should not have to **beg**. The **MGS** has existed for almost 30 years with great success, and with committed members should survive for many more. There are many members who are qualified - someone should want this opportunity. This comment is aimed at all members - those who have been members for just a few years and those who have been members for a long time. Even those who have been officers in the past are eligible.

We look forward to the year 2000-2001 as do those who have already volunteered.

Books Added to Shelves of Midland Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

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<i>Records of Connecticut Men During Revolutionary War - Supplement - Vol I & II</i> Connecticut Hist. Soc. 929.3746	<i>The Soldiery of West Virginia</i> Lewis, VA 975.4
<i>The Planters of Colonial Virginia</i> Wertenbaker, TJ 929.3755	<i>Mother Earth Land Grants in Virginia</i> Robinson, WS 929.3755
<i>List of Colonial Soldiers of Virginia</i> Eckenrode, HJ 905.503	<i>Early Kentucky Landholders</i> Sutherland, JF 929.3769
<i>Huguenot Emigration to Virginia</i> Brock, RA 929.3755	<i>Ohio County, West Virginia - Index Vol 1</i> Crate 929.3754
<i>W. Virginia Revolutionary Ancestors</i> Reddy, AW 929.3754	<i>The Great Wagon Road</i> Rouse, P 973.2

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COMPUTER/INTERNET SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP in Midland Genealogical Society
by **Doug Applegath**

In May 1997, our MGS membership was quizzed to identify members' needs, so that a useful program for the next year could be designed to address common needs. The resulting October spreadsheet showed that 23 member families had **computers**, and 20 of them had installed **genealogical filing and charting software**. Most of these were beginning to access the **Internet**. Also, many additional member families were researching which hardware or software to buy for home use.

In a **1999 monthly MGS meeting**, a show of hands indicated that about 80% of those present were using computer programs for research. The **computer-interested members** wanted to get together outside our regular monthly MGS meeting time, to share new experiences. The problem was where to gather more than a dozen loud and energetic folk at one time. **Fran and Charlie Longsdorf** generously volunteered their large conference room out at their historic family farm on Sandow Road. We decided on a date for the first meeting, and this eliminated some of the interested folk who had other meetings conflicting with the date.

By e-mail to 21 interested members, **Ron Snyder** and I "**coordinated**" our first gathering of 17 participants on **February 1, 1999**. There was no agenda. We simply went around the table, asking each person to share their latest discovery of a new resource, and/or of a horrible problem. Then the group decided to meet again **March 1**, and after that meeting, they agreed to meet again **April 6**. These gatherings always got rather loud as everyone wanted to jump in and help on the current issue. We also tried to identify a project that this special interest group could do to contribute a Midland database for internet searchers, but it was felt that the whole MGS membership should participate in such projects. Anyway, each gathering ended with the participants going out the door about 2 hours later, still comparing notes.

Between gatherings, individuals e-mailed data and questions on common subjects to each other, and some of the members who couldn't make the meetings also exchanged e-mail data. Also, several wanted to actually see someone using their software on a machine like theirs, so I volunteered to show Family Roots 4.4, Family Tree Maker, and PAF on our home IBM. During February, seven individuals came over to our house in groups of 2 or 3. It was rewarding to be able to find new ancestor data in internet databases for those present.

At the end of the April gathering at Longsdorfs', Ron Snyder asked if this **Computer/Internet Group** wanted to meet again. **Nobody spoke up**. Maybe because the 1999 'season' was almost over? Although there have been **no more meetings**, several e-mails of tips are still going on between individuals who participated.

Perhaps some of the newer or older members of MGS would like to have this special Computer Interest Group active again. All it will take is **someone to coordinate!**

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<i>The Hulce Families In America</i>					
Hulse, LC	929.2		<i>Genealogies of West Virginia Families In Memory of Shirley Schweitzer</i>		
<i>The Krueger, Kubat & Williams Families of Saginaw & Midland Counties</i>	929.2			929.3754	
<i>A History of the Isa Barker Family</i>	929.2		<i>Passenger & Immigration List Index 2000</i>		
			2 Vol	Filbey	929.373
<i>Connecticut Revolutionary Pensioners</i>			<i>Passenger & Immigration List Index 1996-2000 Cumulated Supplements</i>		
Dar, C	929.3746		3 Vol	Filbey	929.373
<i>Ancestors of Roguse, Bruce & Johnson</i>					
Vol III	929.3				(continued on page 11)

KAPANKA SIDE JOURNEYby **Marcia McCrary**, MGS member from Ypsilanti**Have you ever had a name that took you down a fascinating side trail?**

The **KAPANKA** name has done that for me. My husband, Bob **MCCRARY**, has two (maternal) aunts who told me their mother, Anna **LANGUISH**, had a sister who married a man named **KAPANKA**, but neither could remember his first name.

They also told me their parents' families had grown up in Beaver, Bay County, MI. On the first trip to the Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Beaver Twp, Bay Co, we discovered his **LINDENBERG** great grandparents: Charles (1847-1925) and Augusta (1845-1936). Their names were on a stone with Max Lindenberg (1885-1962) and Olga (1888-1927) Max has been identified as a brother of Paul Otto **LINDENBERG** (4 Feb 1879-4 Feb 1967), Bob's grandfather. After leaving the cemetery, on our way to lunch with his aunt in Midland, I mentioned being disappointed that we had not found any **LANGUISH** relatives "Oh, I saw that name there, too!" says Bob!

At lunch, and with some names and dates to spur us on, his aunt dredged up more names and stories. A few weeks later, we returned to the cemetery, and indeed found his other great grandparents, buried under the name of **LANGUSCH!** Louis J. **LANGUSCH** (1853-1915) and Amelia (1853-1918), this makes 4 great grandparents, plus 9 other known relatives in this cemetery, including the two buried with Charles and Augusta: Bertha **LANGUSCH** (1878-1943) and her husband, Michael **REICHARD** (1871-1946); Adlina **LANGUSCH** (1892-1926) and her husband, Albert **ADAMS** (1890-1926); Charlie **LINDENBERG** (1892-1910); plus Anna **LINDENBERG** (1873-1947) and her husband, Charles **HAUT** (1868-1924). There were only 4 families missing: Bertha **LINDENBERG** and her **HOFFMAN** spouse who I believe lived in Youngstown, OH; Martha **LINDENBERG** and her Mayville husband who supposedly lived near Fisherville - about 5 miles from Beaver; Emma **LANGUSCH** and her husband Arthur **NUFFKIE** (?), plus the **KAPANKA** family who, we were told had moved to Detroit when the lumber business lost steam.

We noted that there was a Robert **KAPANKA** (1908-1977) and his wife, Alma J (1918-1974) buried with Walter H. **KAPANKA** (1900-1971) and Frieda C. (1904-1992) in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery. A man at the cemetery told us this Robert and Walter had lived in Midland.

When I reported my findings to Bob's aunt, she told us the story of going to pay taxes on property in Larkin Twp, Midland Co. Her husband had said, "Come with me today, the tax collector is a relative of yours anyway." At the office of Robert **KAPANKA** (the one in Zion Cemetery), she spotted a picture on his desk, picked it up and said: "Oh, it's my Aunt Martha and Uncle Robert". He said "No, its MY Uncle Robert, and Aunt Martha. I was named after him." They finally sorted out that they both were correct, and were indeed related.

Now, I had a first name to look for. I had been corresponding via e-mail with Ernie **MISCH**, who also had a great aunt named **KAPANKA**. Between us, we divided up the **KAPANKAs** on the Social Security Death Index. His were from Port Huron, coming directly from Prussia, in the area of Danzig now called Dansk between 1880 to 1887. The **KAPANKA** family I am seeking was in Larkin Twp. Midland Co. MI Census of 1894.

My husband's Robert was listed as a city fireman in Detroit, living at 995 Hudson in 1917. The city changed its numbering system in 1919/20, so their house became 3323 Hudson. His wife, Martha, is listed with him in 1928, and Irene - possibly a daughter (listed as a typist). In 1935, another name, Elinore, appears, noted as a dental assistant. By 1953, Robert had been promoted to a shipping clerk at Ford, and they resided at 16421 Mark Twain.

Martha **KAPANKA** died in March, 1985, while she was living in Ferndale, according to the Social Security Death Index. In the same source, there is a Robert **KAPANKA** who died in November, 1963, with no location given.

My message to genealogical researchers is: keep asking questions of your relatives! When you find new information, go back and ask again. You never know what might trigger the very piece of the puzzle you need to make everything clear.

I would be happy to correspond with others looking into these families, as well as the **MCCRARYs** of Hope.

Marcia McCrary 1679 LeForge, Ypsilanti MI 48198 e-mail: marciamccr@aol.com

The following are portions of Marcia's original e-mail to the PR Editors :

I have written a short article on my husband's **KAPANKA** relatives. Are you interested in something like that? It is written in a rather chatty tone, with the emphasis on continuing to ask the right questions of relatives, and going back to them when you have new facts.

My husband's ancestors in Midland County include **MCCRARY**, **MAXWELL**, **LINDENBERG**, **CAMPBELL** and **LANGUSCH**. Related families include **BATES**, **COLE**, **CRANE**, **MCNAMARA**, **MUDD** and **WYMAN**. The **MCCRARYs** were mostly in Hope, and we figure he is related to at least 1/3 of the families in the two cemeteries there. His parents and at least a great grandfather are buried in the Midland cemetery. Your obituary book has been of invaluable help.

TOO MUCH GENEALOGY! (?)

by Ora L. Flaningam

Do you ever have the trouble of having too much genealogical information to be able to assimilate it all? And is this good or bad?

I seem to be rapidly reaching that point. It all started when I "subscribed" to several "On-Line" newsletters and also left notes on several internet genealogical forums. All this is "free" - all it requires is my time to assimilate the resulting influx of newsletters, personal letters and inquiries.

I'd had trouble trying to find any information on several of my family names, for instance: **Wakeley** (Wakely, Weakley, Wakly, Wakelee, etc.); **Cramer** (Creamer, Cremer, etc.); **Shirley**, **Rambo**, **Talbot**, etc. So I posted a few notes on Genforum, USGenWeb, FamilyTreeMaker, Rootsweb, ShirleyAssociation.org, etc. I also browsed the notes on these sites occasionally to see if anyone seemed to be researching these names or my branch of these names. Sometimes I even had an answer I could give to a query. Cramer, Shirley & Rambo were easy - lots of data on them - some even in MY line. Wakeley and Talbot were SLOW. Over a year with no hits. Then I found I could subscribe to a **surname list** on **Rootsweb** - see below:

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Subj: Re: subscribe

Date: 6/1/99 3:32:15 AM Eastern Daylight Time From: WAKELEY-L-request@rootsweb.com

To: OraFlan@aol.com

*You have added to the subscriber list of: **WAKELEY-L@rootsweb.com** the following mail address:
OraFlan@aol.com*

By default, copies of your own submissions will be returned. Welcome to the WAKELEY mailing list! You are currently subscribed in "mail mode", which means that you will receive every posting made to WAKELEY as a separate e-mail. The directions on how to change to digest mode are given below.

*1. How to unsubscribe. Send a message to **WAKELEY-L-request@rootsweb.com** that contains (in the body of the message) the command **unsubscribe** and no additional text.*

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WOW ! Did this get me action! Notes from all over: CT, ID, WA, AUSTRALIA. A second cousin I did not know about contacted me. I got 40-50 names in his branch. I got suggestions on a possible connection that would/could connect my 1830s Wakely Ohio family to James & Henry Wakelee who immigrated to Connecticut in 1640s. That would be a nice jump if it pans out. All 8 intervening generations complete and only one unproved generation. Someone also pointed to a web-page - in Australia, of all places! - that has Wakely origins going back to 1300s, in England. And there was a "Blazon of Arms" recorded in "Burke's General Armoury". Even though they are far removed, I'm interested in history, so this is fun to read, even if we never get back this far.

So, I'm now getting 2-3 notes a week on various families where before I was having problems. One Shirley cousin sent me 84 printed pages of new material. A Talbot cousin sent me 32 pages. I'm not complaining at these!

Then there are the general newsletters - Some are daily. All have a few interesting articles. If you wanted to read them in detail you may not have time for anything else. Here below are tables of contents for a few:

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***** ANCESTRY DAILY NEWS, 09 August 1999 Date: 08/09/1999 8:36:06 AM Eastern Daylight Time**

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- Product of the Day at the Online Store ---- "The Genealogical Encyclopedia of the Colonial Americas," by Christina Schaefer--- "Land and Property Research in the United States," by E. Wade Hone

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To: DEARMYRTLE-D@rootsweb.com

Today's Topics:

#1 [DEARMYRTLE-L] How to Create a Keepsake Cookbooks

#2 [DEARMYRTLE-L] The Aussteir or Dowery

*** ROOTS WEB REVIEW v2 #30 Date: 7/28/99 10:36:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time

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Web Pages;

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So, although I may complain about having information overload, it is a lot better than sitting here with nothing to do.

Hope you are also happy researching.

JOB DESCRIPTION: PRESIDENT OF THE MIDLAND GENEALOGY SOCIETY

- 1. Is a member of the Midland Genealogy Society.
2. Conducts the business of the MGS at the monthly meetings and sets an example for hospitality to visitors and new members.
3. Is chair of the Board of the MGS. He/she schedules and conducts monthly Board meetings during which the routine business of the MGS is conducted and recommendations to the Society as a whole are reviewed for presentation.
4. Appoints committees as required or as necessary and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees without a right to vote.
5. Appoints non-elected officers as required (primarily Editors of the "Pioneer Record" and Chair of the Hospitality Committee) with the assistance and recommendation of the Board and the Nominating Committee.
6. Appoints a Nominating Committee, no later than January, which will contact the membership and solicit members to run for the Offices designated in the By-Laws prior to the April MGS meeting for election at the ANNUAL MGS MEETING in May.
7. The president's signature is recorded as the alternate on the Society bank account and in the absence of the Treasurer may make disbursements for the Society for budgeted items.
8. Appoints, with the approval of the Board, replacements for Board members who resign mid-year.
9. Acts as a sounding board / advisor for the Board members, non-elected officers and committees as they accomplish their tasks. Writes " President's Letter " for each issue of PR.
10. Assures the well-being of the Society and all its holdings through his/her willingness to be open to the future as well as a desire to honor the past efforts of the MGS Board members and Society as a whole by being true to the vision of the Society By-laws.

MGS MEMBERSHIP -- Bill Kocher, Chair

The **MGS membership** as of 15 March, 2000, totals **141**. We have 1 complimentary membership and 140 paid memberships (includes 115 individuals and 26 spouses). Following the January/February **MGS Genealogy Workshops**, several persons joined our society as noted below.

We have collected \$1183.75 for 1999-2000 memberships and \$11.25 allocated to 2000-2001 memberships. Several of the new members are half-year memberships.

We **WELCOME** the following members who have joined since the last "*Pioneer Record*". They are: **Jack Dickert** (renewed), **Dick Burow**, **Chuck Grant**, **Phae Dorman**, **Richard Smeltzer** (all of Midland), and **Dave Sanderson** (Harrison, MI). We wish you good luck in your family history research. **MGS** membership should assist you in your endeavors. Hopefully you will benefit the society by being an active member.

TREASURER'S REPORT -- Jeri Shangle, Treasurer

Income for the **MGS** fiscal year to date (15 March, 2000) is **\$2224**, made up primarily of dues, interest, research and book sales, versus a budgeted (1999-2000) total of \$2569. **Expenses** to date, primarily meetings and "*Pioneer Record*", are **\$1242** versus a budgeted total of \$2777. The normal **MGS** contribution of \$600 to the Library for genealogy books will be made in May.

As of 22 March, 2000, the account balances are: operating checking: \$1927; money market: \$2853 and CD: \$2500. Thus total assets are \$6780.

MICHIGAN GENEALOGICAL COUNCIL REPORT

Information provided by **Beverly Keicher**, **MGS Council** delegate

At the March 15 **MGS** meeting, **Bev Kelcher** reported on the January 13, 2000, **Michigan Genealogical Council** meeting.

She commented that the **Council** has received several complaints from genealogists regarding what they perceive to be discriminatory and unacceptable behavior at the hands of some **County Clerk** office staff when attempting to do family history research. The Council is very concerned about this and is seeking input from genealogy society members regarding any negative or positive experiences they have had while visiting County Clerk offices throughout the state. Communications, either letters or e-mail, can be sent to **MGC** president, **Joanne Harvey** or to our **MGS** delegates to the MGC, Kathy Bohl or Bev Keicher. Kathy and Bev will take any communications they receive to the next scheduled Council meeting in April. Their e-mail addresses and phone numbers are printed on the last page of this newsletter.

Sometimes problems with **County Clerk** offices can be alleviated if genealogy researchers contact the office they wish to visit in advance to determine the availability of designated time periods and space for doing family history research. This information can be obtained from all **County Clerk** offices, via the telephone, during regular business hours, or via the **Internet** through the following address:

<http://vitalrec.com/mi.html#county>

Bev also reported that the **MGC** has scheduled the following **workshops** at the **Library of Michigan** in Lansing:

Saturday, April 29	"Ship Passenger Lists"
Wednesday, May 17	"Ontario Records"
Saturday, August 26	"Cemetery Records"
Saturday, October 21	"Vital Records Research"
Saturday, December 2	"Native American Research"

These workshops are open to interested genealogists, society members, etc. The individual workshop fee is \$10.00. Interested parties need to **register** with the Library for the workshops. Contact Randy Riley or Carole Callard at **(517) 373-1300** for more information. Or write to: Library of Michigan Foundation; PO Box 30007; Lansing, MI 48909.

The Library of Michigan also announced the addition of a new state librarian - **Christl Brando**.

The **Council** has established a **clearing house** for seminar information for genealogy societies throughout the state. The goal is to avoid conflicts in dates and speakers between all societies and the MGC. **Connie Olson**, 3327 Yellowstone, Ann Arbor, MI 48105-1522 has volunteered to be the **Seminar Coordinator**. Societies are asked to contact her when planning local workshops or seminars.

Books Added to Shelves of Midland Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library

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Roster of South Carolina Patriots In the American Revolution Moss, BG 973.3457
Where to Write for Confederate Pension Records Allen, DW 929.01
An Atlas of Appalachian Trails to the Ohio River Eldridge, C 911.76
Atlas of Westward Expansion Wexler, A & Braun, M 911.73
A Way Through the Wilderness Davis 976.2
Collecting Vermont Ancestors Eicholz, A 929.3743

Lapeer County Deaths 929.3774
A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Female Ancestors Carmon 929.1
Early Settlers of Maryland 929.3752
Migration From the Russian Empire - 4 Vol 929.347
Mayflower Families Through Five Generatlons - White: Vol 13; Standish: Vol 14;; Chilton & More: Vol 15 929.2

MGS PROGRAMS FOR 1999-2000

MGS Meetings will be scheduled at 7:00 PM on the third Wednesday of the month in the Lounge of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Programs for the spring will be as follows:

April 19
 - Steve Tracy, Midland County Veterans Service Office, will speak on " Obtaining and Understanding Military Records "
 - Presentation of MGS Officer Candidates for 2000-2001 by the Nominating Committee

May 17 ANNUAL MEETING
 - Election of Officers for 2000-2001
 - Adoption of 2000-2001 Budget

No meetings schedule for June, July & August

MGS WEB SITE ADDRESS
<http://users.tm.net/brauschj/mgs>

MiGenWeb SITE ADDRESS
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mimidlan/Midgnweb.htm>
http://www.rootsweb.com/~migenweb

UPCOMING SEMINARS

WORKSHOP 2000
 May 6, 2000
 Hosted by Eaton County Genealogical Society
 Speakers: Dr. George K. Schweitzer
 Shirley J. Hodges
 Contact: ECGS; PO Box 337
 Charlotte, MI 48813-0337
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CELEBRATE THE CENTURY -
The Millennium Conference
 July 20-22, 2000
 Hosted by Allen County Public Library
 More than 90 lectures Scores of vendors
 Publishers, Printers & Software Distributors
 Networking & camaraderie at its best!
 Location: Grand Wayne Center
 in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana
 Contact: **The Millennium Conference**
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BOOKS FOR SALE

The following books, published by the Midland Genealogical Society, are available for sale at any MGS meeting or by mail. Price of each book is \$20.00 plus \$3.00 for postage. and handling

MIDLAND COUNTY OBITUARY INDEX -- 1872-1927. The book consists of 16,000 abstractions covering 55 years from the Midland Times (1872-1875), the Midland Sun (1892-1924) and the Midland Republican (1881-1927). The soft bound 238 page book is 8 1/2 by 11 inches. (57 copies remaining)

MIDLAND PIONEERS, edited by Ora Flaningam. This book is a compilation of the most interesting genealogical, historical and humorous reprints from newspapers published in the Pioneer Record. The book is 6 by 9 inches, soft bound, 259 pages. (30 copies remaining)

To ORDER A BOOK write: Midland Genealogical Society BOOK; Grace A. Dow Memorial Library;
 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr.; Midland, MI 48640



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The **MGS** meets on the **3rd Wednesday** of Sept., Oct., Nov., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr. & May at **7:00 P.M.** in the lounge of the **Grace A. Dow Memorial Library**, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640. Visitors are always welcome. Watch the **Midland Daily News** or local **Midland MCTV, Channel 5** for upcoming speakers, dates and times.

Membership dues are \$10.00 for single and \$12.50 for a couple and can be paid after July 1, but must be paid by Sep. 30, to continue receiving the **Pioneer Record**. Dues may be paid at any **MGS** meeting or may be sent to the Membership Chair, Midland Genealogical Society at the **MGS Room, Grace A. Dow Memorial Library**, 1710 W. St. Andrews Dr., Midland, MI 48640.